



Call for Applications 2024–2025 Totman Fellowships

The DC History Center is thrilled to present two Totman Fellowship for summer 2024 through spring 2025: one focused on LGBTQ+ DC and one on Black Washington (intersectional projects addressing one or both topics are welcomed), thanks to generous donor support.

Totman Fellowships aim to nurture emerging scholars of DC history while creating visibility for our collections and resources. Through stipends, dedicated workspace, and mentorship, the Fellowships provide scholars with resources and an intellectual community to foster new research and share it with a public audience. This is aligned with our mission to deepen understanding of our city’s past to connect, empower, and inspire.

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Proposed research projects should expand public understanding of DC history and must include research based on the [collections and resources of the DC History Center](#), as well as other area repositories.

Totman Fellowships include in-residence summer research among the DC History Center’s collections, during which time Fellows will have a designated desk at the Kiplinger Research Library during regular library hours (currently Tuesdays and Thursdays 10–3; while this may change, Fellows should expect weekday daytime library access). Fellows will receive facilitated access to collections and copyright clearance support; image file fees will be waived. The DC History Center will connect Fellows with mentors who are experts in their field of research. After initial summer research, a project proposal will be submitted for approval in September.

Deliverable

Totman Fellows will engage with the DC History Center throughout the following academic year with a culminating deliverable that could comprise, for example, an article submitted to [Washington History](#) magazine, a presentation at the [DC History Conference](#), a [Context for Today](#) public program, a podcast series, or other researched piece. Fellows will work with the DC History Center to determine the nature of the deliverable, which should be completed by the end of the spring 2025 semester.

Stipend



Stipends are released in June (\$4,000), September (\$1,000), and upon delivery of the deliverable (\$3,000, for a total of \$8,000).

Eligibility

Totman Fellowships are open to current Masters and PhD students; graduates who received their Masters or PhDs within 18 months of the application deadline; and assistant and adjunct professors. All applicants must be a resident of DC, Maryland or Virginia, or attend/teach at a college or university in DC, Maryland or Virginia.

Deadline and Application

The deadline to apply is Friday February 2, 2024 at 5pm EST. Applications should be sent in pdf format to fellowships@dchistory.org and must include:

- A completed [cover sheet](#), indicating the applicant is eligible to apply per the residency requirements and restrictions listed above
- A one- to two-page proposal describing the theme of the research project and the specific DC History Center resources that could contribute to the project
- A current curriculum vitae
- A short, accessible writing sample of no more than 3,000 words or ten pages
- Two letters of recommendation

Please address any questions to fellowships@dchistory.org.